

BOULDER, CO – October 12, 2012 Mental Health Partners will be presenting a Community Outreach Briefing about the Jessica Ridgeway case on Monday, October 15th, 6:00-7:30 at Superior Town Hall, located at 124 East Coal Creek Drive in Superior. Currently, news reports claim that the search for Jessica is still underway and DNA testing is being done on remains found about 6 miles from her home. As Superior, Louisville, and surrounding communities experience this tragic event, Mental Health Partners pledges to be a support to the affected communities. At this event, District Attorney Stanley Garnett will be present to talk about the DA's role in the case. Boulder County law enforcement will discuss the latest on the situation and what additional actions the Sheriff's Department plans to take. Janine D'Anniballe, PhD, Director of Access, Emergency, and Community Services at Mental Health Partners, will present on expected trauma and grief reactions in both children and adults. Additional information and resources on how to talk with children about stressful events, how to protect your family and your community, coping skills, and referrals for additional support will also be available. About Mental Health Partners: Mental Health Partners is a nonprofit organization providing affordable and effective services for Boulder and Broomfield County residents with mental health issues. For 50 years, the organization has provided comprehensive mental health services to Boulder and Broomfield Counties. Mental Health Partners supports 30 programs that serve nearly 18,000 individuals each year and does not turn anyone away from services regardless of their ability to pay. [www.mhpcolorado.org](http://www.mhpcolorado.org) ###